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NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on September 1 conditions, **sorghum** production in New Mexico is forecast at 3.50 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 39 percent from the 2.52 million bushels harvested a year earlier. Growers expect to harvest 70,000 acres this year, up from the 60,000 acres harvested last year. Average yield is forecast at 50.0 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from the August 1 forecast and 8.0 bushels above last year's final yield. As of August 30, the sorghum crop condition was rated 1 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 85 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Sorghum turning color was 13 percent complete, compared with 9 percent last year and the 5-year average of 13 percent.

Peanut production is forecast at 15.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 15.5 million pounds produced in 2014. Growers expect to harvest 5,000 acres this year, unchanged from a year ago. Yields are expected to average 3,000 pounds per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but down from 3,100 pounds per acre a year ago. As of August 30, New Mexico's peanut crop condition was rated 68 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Peanuts pegging were 96 percent complete, compared with 84 percent last year and the 5-year average of 87 percent.

All cotton production in New Mexico is expected to total 71,000 480-lb bales, down 8 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 2 percent from last year's crop. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 30,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 55,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, down 14 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 880 pounds per acre, down 293 pounds from the August 1 forecast and down 51 pounds from last year. As of August 30, 27 percent of upland cotton bolls had opened, compared with 9 percent last year and the five-year average of 12 percent. The cotton crop was rated 1 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 67 percent good, and 10 percent excellent as of August 30. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 7,300 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year. As of September 1, producers expect to harvest 16,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 8,400 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,052 pounds per acre, down 26 pounds from the August 1 forecast but 291 pounds more than last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Sorghum production is forecast at 574 million bushels, up less than one percent from last month and up 33 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 7.67 million acres, unchanged from August 1 but up 20 percent from 2014. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at a record 74.9 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and up 7.3 bushels from last year.

Peanuts production is forecast at 6.32 billion pounds, up 2 percent from August and up 21 percent from last year. Based on administrative data, planted area is estimated at 1.62 million acres, up 1 percent from the June estimate and up 20 percent from the previous year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.58 million acres, up 1 percent from the August estimate and up 19 percent from the previous year. Based on conditions as of September 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 3,996 pounds per acre, up 46 pounds per acre from August and 64 pounds per acre above the 2014 average yield of 3,932 pounds per acre.

All cotton production is forecast at 13.4 million 480-pound bales, up 3 percent from the August forecast but down 18 percent from 2014. Yield is expected to average 789 pounds per harvested acre, down 6 percent from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 13.0 million 480-pound bales, down 18 percent from 2014. **Pima cotton** production, forecast at 451,000 bales, is down 20 percent from last year.

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